

Remarks

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1, 3, 8, and 10 are pending in the application, with claim 1 being the independent claim. Claims 4-7, 11-12, and 13-21 have been withdrawn from consideration. Based on the above amendment and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

In the Office Action, claims 1, 3, 8, and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tashiro *et al.*, U.S. Patent No. 5,515,022 (Tashiro) in view of Kimura *et al.*, JP 62-152111 (Kimura). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

To establish prima facie obviousness, all the claim limitations must be taught or suggested by the cited art. M.P.E.P. 2143.03. Applicants submit that the combination of Tashiro and Kimura does not teach a multiple layer inductor comprising a first conductive shield pattern having *a first common voltage potential* and a second conductive shield pattern having *a second common voltage potential*, as recited in claim 1. More specifically, Kimura makes no mention in the Constitution that the conductive layers 1A and 1G are biased with first and second common voltage potentials, as recited in claim 1.

Furthermore, claim 1 has been amended to recite that *first and second conductive side shield patterns are disposed on respective perimeters of said first and second layers.*

Neither Tashiro or Kimura recite or suggest this particular feature, and therefore the requirements for prima facie obviousness are not met. Accordingly, Applicants request that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103 be removed and that claim 1 be passed to allowance. Dependent claims 3, 8, and 10 are patentable for at least the above reasons, in addition to their own patentable features.

Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully
requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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